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Development of OBCs
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the efforts being made for the development of the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) have been adversely affected due to inadequate allocation of funds in comparison to their population in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto indicating the percentage and total population of OBCs in the country;

(c) the funds allocated for their development during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure adequate allocation of funds for the development of OBCs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)

(a): The Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes for OBCs are of funds limited nature. The allocated funds are distribute among States/UTs based on Notional Allocation proportionate to their population. The implementation system of the scheme is robust and effective, and based on approved guidelines.

(b): No authentic data is available about the population of the Other Backward Classes. However, as per National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) 62nd round survey report published in September, 2008, the OBC population was estimated as 40.2%.

(c): The details of Scheme-wise allocation of funds are as under:

i. Post-Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes (Annexure-I).
ii. Pre-Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes (Annexure-II).
iii. Construction of Hostel for OBC Boys and Girls (Annexure-III).

For the following OBC Scheme, no State-wise Notional Allocation is made:

iv. National Fellowship for OBCs
v. Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loan for Overseas Studies for OBCs and EBCs.
vi. Assistance to Voluntary Organisation working for the welfare of OBCs.

(d): The allocated funds for the year 2012-13 was Rs. 816.54 crore and the same has increased to Rs. 1215.00 crore in the year 2016-17. Further, the Government of India has increased funds allocation to State as per recommendations of 14th Finance Commission.